



Given the above considerations, the Board decided to recommend a rollover of the 500 metric tonnes in SFA 0 for northern shrimp for the 2022 fishing season.

Current Conditions of Licence do not permit offshore licence holders to conduct this shrimp fishery within the Nunavut Settlement Area boundaries of SFA 0. To promote the opportunity for equitable Nunavut-based fishery development, on April 11, 2021, the NWMB recommended that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada change the Conditions of Licence to permit Nunavut sub-allocation holder's access to the competitive 500 metric tonnes within SFA 0. The Board reaffirms this recommendation.

NWMB Nunavut Agreement Jurisdiction

To ensure ongoing dialogue, the NWMB wishes to remind you that the Board has previously expressed the need to clarify NWMB's role in the management of commercial fisheries inside and outside of the Nunavut Settlement Area pursuant to Article 5 and Article 15 of the *Nunavut Agreement*. The Board has jurisdiction over wildlife management decisions in the Nunavut Settlement Area under Article 5. Under Article 15, the NWMB provides relevant information to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans for marine areas beyond the Nunavut Settlement Area.

When setting the total allowable catch for SFA 0, the NWMB had previously raised issues about the operation of administrative boundaries for management units and the *Nunavut Agreement*, particularly Article 5. The NWMB understands that setting a total allowable catch for the Nunavut Settlement Area would require satisfying a section 5.3.3 condition (excerpt from August 26, 2020, letter from Minister Bernadette Jordan to NWMB Chair).

As stated in our letter to you on April 08, 2021, the Board remains committed to a staff level engagement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada to clarify NWMB's role in the management of commercial fisheries inside and outside of the Nunavut Settlement Area pursuant to Article 5 and Article 15 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

Conclusion

The Board hereby forward their recommendations to you for your consideration pursuant to the relevant terms of the *Nunavut Agreement*. The NWMB looks forward to



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continued collaboration with co-management partners for the management of Nunavut's commercial fisheries. If you or your officials have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

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cc: Derek Mahoney, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
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Dear Mr. Arreak,

The Minister has asked me to respond on her behalf to your correspondence of July 6, 2022, regarding the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (the Board) recommendation on *Pandalus borealis* in shrimp fishing area (SFA) 0.

Total Allowable Catch

Consistent with the Board's recommendations, the Minister has decided to set a total allowable catch for *P. borealis* of 500t in SFA 0, to be harvested outside the Nunavut Settlement Area as per the Conditions of Licence, which aligns with the Board's recommendation.

Expanding Access to Competitive Fishery in SFA 0

After considering the Board's recommendation, the Minister has decided that she requires further information and clarity in order to properly consider and take a decision on expanding access to the competitive fishery in SFA 0 to Nunavut sub-allocation holders. I am interested in working with Board staff to clarify the NWMB's different roles in respect of the management of the different areas within SFA 0, as well as the specific intent of the recommendation on access. Greater clarity through additional discussion will help determine the appropriate way forward on these matters.

I appreciate the Board's collaboration and cooperation in the sustainable management of the shared shrimp resource in the north and look forward to discussions in the future. Our officials will reach out to Board staff to discuss the issues outlined above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Williams
Acting Director General, Fisheries Resource Management